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Ms. Christina H. Purcell
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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy
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Re: L. E. Carpenter & Company Site, Wharton, NJ
EPA Biotreatability Evaluation

Dear Ms. Purcell:

Enclosed are two copies of the March 1992 report entitled "Biotreatability of a Site Soil Contaminated with Xylene and Dioctyl Phthalate" which was prepared by EPA's Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Laboratory (RSKERL) in Ada, Oklahoma. Based on the findings of this report, Dr. Don Kampbell of RSKERL has concluded "bioremediation of the site should be considered as a promising technology."

I suggest that we not release this report to Weston or L.E. Carpenter until we have had a chance to discuss the report. I expect to be back from jury duty on April 13, 1992. If NJDEPE has technical questions about the report, I can set up a conference call involving Dr. Kampbell.

Feel free to contact me at (212)264-8098 if you wish to discuss the L. E. Carpenter & Company Site.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

bcc: Don Kampbell, RSKERL

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